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SUMMARY. GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT MEETING ON BROADCASTING
SATELLITES TOOK PLACE 20 AUGUST FOLLOWING SATELLITE
BROADCASTING SEMINAR HELD 16 TO 19 AUGUST. RESULTS OF
MEETING MODEST COMPARED TO THOSE OF SEMINAR, WITH LATINS
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MOSTLY LISTENING TO WHAT US AND CANADA HAD TO SAY. MOVE

NARROWLY AVERTED TO DELETE DISCUSSION OF ITEMS DRAWN FROM AGENDA OF ITU BROADCASTING SATELLITE CONFERENCE (GENEVA, 1977). MEETING DID SERVE USEFUL IF LIMITED PURPOSE OF EXPOSING DELEGATES, AND THROUGH THEM THEIR ADMINISTRATIONS, TO US VIEWS. END SUMMARY.

1. SPECIAL MEETING OF CITEL PERMANENT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (PTC) II (RADIOBROADCASTING) MET FOR ONE DAY (20 AUGUST), INSTEAD OF TWO (20 AND 21 AUGUST) AS SCHEDULED.

2. WITHOUT OPPOSITION, YAFFE OF OAS GENERAL SECRETARIAT NOMINATED C.J. MARTINEZ OF VENEZUELA TO REPLACE ABSENT VENEZUELAN CHAIRMAN OF PTC II.

3. DURING DISCUSSION OF DRAFT AGENDA (WHICH BASED ON US SUGGESTIONS REQUESTED BY AND FURNISHED TO BRAZILIAN HOSTS OF MEETING), COLOMBIA ABRUPTLY PROPOSED ELIMINATING THREE MAJOR POINTS, ALL BASED ON AGENDA FOR WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE FOR PLANNING THE BROADCASTING SATELLITE SERVICE IN THE 11.7 - 12.2 GHZ FREQUENCY BAND (IN REGIONS 2 AND 3) AND IN THE 11.7 - 12.5 GHZ FREQUENCY BAND (IN REGION ONE) WARC-BS 12 GHZ TO BE CONVENED BY INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION IN JANUARY 1977. (ITEMS INVOLVED: SHARING CRITERIA; PLANNING APPROACH; PROCEDURES.) COLOMBIA ARGUED LACK OF ABILITY OF DELEGATES TO COMMIT GOVERNMENTS AND NEED FOR ADMINISTRATIONS TO HAVE TIME TO DIGEST INFORMATION IMPARTED AT SEMINAR. APPARENTLY AS RESULT OF EARLIER CAUCUS, COLOMBIA WAS QUICKLY SUPPORTED BY CHILE AND MEXICO AND LATER BY ECUADOR AND PARAGUAY. US, SUPPORTED BY BRAZIL, STRESSED PRELIMINARY AND NON-BINDING NATURE OF EXCHANGES OF VIEWS THAT WERE ENVISAGED, AS WELL AS SHORTAGE OF TIME REMAINING BEFORE WARC-BS 12 GHZ. MEXICO PROPOSED COMPROMISE, WHICH WAS ACCEPTED, THAT THREE ITEMS BE RETAINED ON AGENDA BUT AMENDED TO STRESS THAT THEY COVERED EXCHANGES OF VIEWS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.

4. US (MCNAUGHTEN/FCC) AND CANADA (BLEVIS/DOC), DESCRIBED RESPECTIVE PREPARATIONS FOR WARC-BS 12 GHZ. AS EXPECTED, CANADIANS BELIEVE (WITH US) THAT A DETAILED PLAN "MAY BE PREMATURE FOR REGION 2" BUT (UNLIKE US) PROPOSES SPECIFIC UNCLASSIFIED

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ALTERNATIVE SEGMENTS OF GEOSTATIONARY ARC BE RESERVED FOR PRIMARY USE BY SATELLITE BROADCASTING SERVICE AND FIXED BROADCASTING SERVICE.

5. DISCUSSION OF IFRB QUESTIONNAIRE PRODUCED NO AGREEMENT ON UNIFORM TREATMENT BY CITEL ADMINISTRATIONS, DESPITE US STATEMENT THAT US LACKED INFORMATION NECESSARY TO COMPLETE QUESTIONNAIRE. IFRB OFFICIAL WALTER GARCIA RIOS ABLY PROVIDED

EXPLANATION OF QUESTIONNAIRE, STRESSING PRELIMINARY NATURE OF
INFORMATION SOUGHT AND FACT THAT COMPLETION OF
PART B OPTIONAL.

6. US VIEWS ON SHARING CRITERIA, PLANNING APPROACH, AND
PROCEDURES PRESENTED BY REINHART/NASA, JANSKY/OTP, AND
FCC/JACOBS.

7. US CIRCULATED DRAFT RESOLUTION (COC. 34) AND
RECOMMENDATION (DOC. 36), WHICH WERE, WITHOUT DISCUSSION,
"TAKEN UNDER CONSIDERATION" FOR POSSIBLE LATER ACTION BY
COM/CITEL. RESOLUTION CALLED ON CITEL ADMINISTRATIONS
TO CONSIDER CHANGES TO RADIO REGULATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR
EVOLUTIONARY APPROACH TO USE OF 12 GHZ BAND IN REGION 2
AND TO CONSIDER DESIRABILITY OF REGIONAL ITU CONFERENCE
FOLLOWING WARC-BS GHZ, TO DEAL WITH QUESTION OF PLANS FOR
REGION 2.

RECOMMENDATION CALLED ON CITEL ADMINISTRATIONS TO REVIEW THEIR
REQUIREMENTS FOR TERRESTRIAL SERVICES WITH VIEW TO UTILIZING
BAND 11.7 - 12.2 GHZ FOR SPACE SERVICES EXCLUSIVELY.
(IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION OF LATTER ITEM, IT CAME TO LIGHT
THAT BRAZIL APPARENTLY ALREADY SUPPRESSES USE OF 11.7 -
12.2 GHZ FOR TERRESTRIAL SERVICES AND OTHER COUNTRIES, E.G.
ARGENTINA, MAY BE CONSIDERING DOING SO.)

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8. NO. 405BC OF RADIO REGULATIONS WAR RAISED INFORMALLY AT MEETING WITH CANADIAN AND MEXICAN DELEGATIONS 18 AUGUST. MEXICO SEEMED MILDLY INTERESTED IN POSSIBILITY OF MODIFYING PROVISION SO AS TO PERMIT REGIONAL OR SUBREGIONAL BROADCASTING-SATELLITE SYSTEMS IN REGION 2. CANADIAN DELEGATE REMARKED PRIVATELY THAT HE WOULD ADVISE CAUTION, AS THIS INVOLVED VOLATILE POLITICAL ISSUE.

9. NO. 405BC MATTER RAISED IN PLANARY 20 AUGUST AND DOCUMENT CITEL/COM II/33-REV. 1 CIRCULATED TO ILLUSTRATE ONE MANNER IN WHICH RADIO REGULATIONS MIGHT BE REVISED TO PERMIT ADMINISTRATIONS IN REGION 2 TO AGREE TO HAVE REGIONAL AND SUBREGIONAL BROADCASTING SATELLITE SYSTEMS. RAISING OF MATTER UNCLASSIFIED

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BY US BROUGHT TO SPECIFIC REACTION.

10. FUTURE MEETINGS. BRAZILIANS HAVE DISCUSSED TIMING OF FUTURE MEETINGS WITH OAS STAFF MEMBERS HERE AND POSSIBLY WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS. AUGUSTO RIBAS OF EMBRATEL THINKING IN TERMS OF ROUGHLY ONE AND ONE-HALF WEEK SESSION IN LATE NOVEMBER OR EARLY DECEMBER OF AD HOC GROUP ON POSSIBLE RE-STRUCTURING OF CITEL, COM/CITEL, AND POSSIBLY ALL THREE PTCS. HE READILY AGREED ON DESIRABILITY OF INCLUDING FORUM OR FORUMS ABLE TO PURSUE DISCUSSIONS PREPARATORY TO WARC-BS 12 GHZ, AS PRACTICALLY SPEAKING THIS WOULD BE LAST OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT PRIOR TO CONFERENCE.

11. FOR MEXICO CITY AND OTTAWA. LUIZ VALENCIA, HEAD OF MEXICAN DELEGATION, TELEPHONE DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AFTERNOON OF 20 AUGUST AND WAS TOLD "NO PROBLEM" ON CALLING OFF OF TALKS. (FOR INFORMATION OF TCO MEXICO CITY, VISIT WAS CALLED OFF ON ACCOUNT OF AIRLINE TICKETING DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED BY MEMBERS OF MEXICAN, NOT US, DELEGATION.) FOR UNKNOWN REASONS, VALENCIA NOW REFERS TO MEXICO CITY MEETING AS "CANCELLED" RATHER THAN "POSTPONED" AS STATED PARA 7 REFTEL. MATTER WAS LEFT THAT US WOULD CHECK WITH CANADIANS REGARDING

MUTUALLY AGREEABLE DATE FOR ONE-DAY MEETING, PERHAPS IN LATE SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER, THEM COMMUNICATE WITH DGT. PLACE OF MEETING LEFT OPEN, THOUGH IMPRESSION WAS THAT BOTH MEXICANS AND CANADIANS WOULD WELCOME INVITATION TO COME TO WASHINGTON. BLEVIS OF CANADA MENTIONED 12 OCTOBER AS CONVENIENT DATE.

12. COMMENT: GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT MEETINGS, THOUGH CUT SHORT IN RUSH TO COMPLETE WEEK'S BUSINESS, PROBABLY ACCOMPLISHED AS MUCH AS COULD REASONABLY HAVE BEEN EXPECTED. DELEGATES WERE EXPOSED TO VIEWS OF US AND CANADA, ONLY TWO COUNTRIES WITH DRAFT PROPOSES. COMMENTS BY LATIN AMERICAN DELEGATIONS SERVED TO HIGHLIGHT SOME PROBLEM AREAS, NOTABLY DIFFICULTY IN ABSORBING PRINCIPLES UNDERLYING EVOLUTIONARY APPROACH AND ASSOCIATED UNEASINESS THAT LATIN AMERICANS, UNDER EVOLUTIONARY APPROACH, WOULD NOT BE ASSURED "PLACE IN THE SUN" WHEN THEY WANTED IT. PERHAPS MOST POSITIVE RESULT, FROM US STANDPOINT, WAS FACT THAT US VIEWS, AS PART OF OAS/ICTEL DOCUMENTATION ASSOCIATED WITH MEETING, UNCLASSIFIED

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WILL PRESUMABLY BE CIRCULATED TO ALL CITEL TELECOMUNICATION ADMINISTRATIONS, INCLUDING THOSE THAT DID NOT SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO RIO.
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